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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 19, 2006, setting forth a requirement for restriction to a single invention under 35 USC Section 121, Applicant provides his election herein.

The Examiner has requested an election to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a composition for detecting oxygen, classified in class 427, subclass 2.11.
- II. Claims 19-21, drawn to a method for detecting the oxygen content, classified in class 436, subclass 136.
- III. Claims 22 26, drawn to a method of making the composition of claim 1, classified in class 427, subclass 213.3

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IV. Claims 27-28, drawn to a method of screening the cellular metabolic effect, classified in class 436, subclass 63.

Applicant respectfully elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-18) without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter.

It is believed that no extensions of time are necessary. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 02-1666 for any additional fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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